



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 4967 **Border Commuter Student Act of 2002**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on October 9, 2002

H.R. 4967 would establish a new nonimmigrant visa for Canadian and Mexican students who commute to the United States for part-time academic or vocational studies while living in Canada or Mexico. Because the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) currently permits such persons to obtain nonimmigrant visas designated for full-time students, CBO expects that H.R. 4967 would have little effect on the total number of applications for student visas. Thus, CBO estimates that enacting the bill would result in no significant costs to the federal government and would have a minor impact on direct spending. There could be an insignificant increase in fees collected by the INS and by the Department of State, as well as spending for emergency Medicaid services.

H.R. 4967 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. CBO estimates that costs to state, local, or tribal governments, if any, would not be significant.

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